

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/38125

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G09B 23/08

US CL : 73/866.4, 434/267,270,274, 223/66,67

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

US Patents, US Pregrant Publications, EPO, JPO, DERWENT

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	US 3,010,223 A (ALDERSON, Samuel W.) 28 November 1961 (28.11.1961), see entire document.	1-6, 10-21, and 23-39 ----- 7-9 and 23
X --- Y	FR 2,641,398 A1 (REGIE NATIONALE DES USINES RENAULT) 06 July 1990 (06.07.1990), see entire document.	1,2,3,39 ----- 4-38
X --- Y	US 3,557,471 A (PAYNE et al.) 16 September 1968 (16.09.1968), see figure 1, figure 3, column 3 - lines 37-64, column 4 - lines 37-55.	5, 10-35, and 39 ----- 1-4. 36-38
Y	FR 958,776 (DAMOUR PUBLICITE) 16 March 1950 (16.03.1950), see figures 1 and 3.	3, 6, 7, 9, 10-14, 16, 17, 19-21, 23, 26-31,
Y	US 2,288,296 A (MUNRO, Harold W.) 30 June 1942 (30.06.1942), see figure 1, figure 5, column 4 - lines 39-55.	2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12-14, 16, 17, 19-21, 23, 33, 34, 37,



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



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## C. (Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y`	US 3,890,723 A (HAURAT et al.) 24 June 1975 (24.06.1975), see entire document.	2, 6-8, 35, 37,
Y	US 4,438,650 (MEEK, Larry F.) 27 March 1984 (27.03.1984), see entire document.	1-39
Y	US 2,451,023 A (DUSKO, Joseph R.) 12 October 1948 (12.10.1948), see entire document.	1-39
Y	US 4,268,991 A (COTEY et al.) 26 May 1981 (26.05.1981), see figures 1-7, column 2 - lines 30-57.	1-39
X	US 3,361,310 A (ZIEGLER et al.) 02 January 1968 (02.01.1968), see figure 1 and figure 4.	39
Y		4, 5, 10, 11, 25-30, 33-35,
X	US 4,261,113 (ALDERSON, Samuel W.) 14 April 1981 (14.04.1981), see figures 1-3.	39
Y		5-8, 13-20
A	US 4,820,231 A (MIKITKA et al.) 11 April 1989 (11.04.1989), See figure 1, column 5 - lines 3-15, column 5 - lines 50-56.	
A	US 6,688,940 B2 (STANIER, John S.) 10 February 2004 (10.02.2004), see figure 8.	
A	EP 0472365 A1 (LAUER TOYS INC.) 26 February 2002 (26.02.1992).	
A	US 2002/0107431 A1 (MORE, Rex) 18 August 2002 (18.08.2002), see figures 1-13; paragraphs 123, 128-154, 158.	
A	US 6,206,703 B1 (O'BANNON Terry R.) 27 March 2001 (27.03.2001), see entire document,	
A	US D480,763 S (DYKSTRA, Ronald L.) 14 October 2003 (14.10.2003), see figures 1-6.	

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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